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PHMSA Issues Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty, and Proposed Compliance Order Against Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. for Unreported Accident. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today issued a Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) and Proposed Compliance Order, and proposed \$1,539,800 in civil penalties following its investigation that the operator allegedly failed to report an accident that occurred in 2013 at the West Texas Gulf Pipeline Company's Wortham, Texas, facility. West Texas Gulf Pipe Line Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sunoco Logistics Partners, L. P. PHMSA became aware of the accident in February 2015, and contacted the operator to initiate an investigation. The accident occurred while the operator performed maintenance work within the Wortham station and resulted in one injury requiring hospitalization and the release of .1 barrels of crude oil. The NOPV identifies a total of 15 violations of the pipeline safety regulations related to the 2013 accident. Read enforcement documents resulting from this investigation here. Contact for media: Artealia Gilliard (202) 366-4831.